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Applicant(s): Muldowney	
Application No.: 10/712,362	Art Unit: 3723
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Title: POLISHING PAD HAVING A GROOVE ARRANGEMENT FOR REDUCING SLURRY CONSUMPTION	
Attorney Docket No.: 03031US	
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the two telephone calls the week of August 7, 2006.

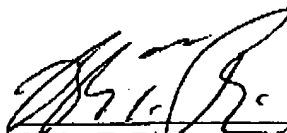
During the first call, the Examiner indicated that the earlier-presented arguments were sufficient to overcome the outstanding rejections, but that the application was not in condition for allowance. The outstanding issues from the call were as follows: 1) that a follow-up search located US Pat. No. 7,059,949 ('949) of concern with respect to the present application; and 2) that the USPTO would continue to search the invention. In today's call, the Examiner indicated no further rejections and that a terminal disclaimer for the '949 patent would expedite the allowance of the present invention.

Applicant's attorney has respectfully submitted the terminal disclaimer to obviate any double patenting rejection in view of the '949 patent.

Applicant believes that the amended application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration. Please call Applicant's Attorney at (302) 283-2136 if a call would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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